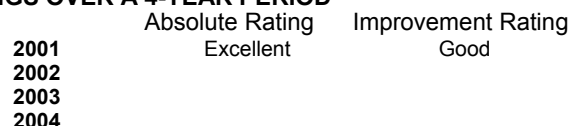


**ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good**

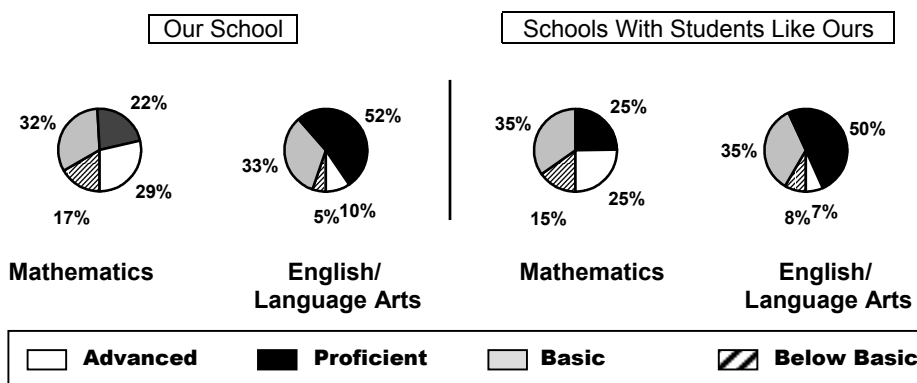
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 25.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

**RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

**PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS**



**DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=283)</b>	94.7	83.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=14)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=269)	95.5	85.1		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=145)	95.9	84.8		
Female (n=138)	93.5	81.9		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=78)	92.3	71.8		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=198)	95.5	88.4		
Other (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=50)	92	78		
Pay for lunch (n=233)	95.3	84.5		

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,686	N/A	\$5,279	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 90.3%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	N/A	20.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=588)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Down from 96.9%	96.7%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.1%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	1.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.9%	Up from 90.7%	94.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.6%	1.6%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=37)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.4 Days	Up from 5.9	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.4%	Up from 93.9%	94.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	59.5%	No change	52.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	94.6%	Up from 83.8%	89.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.7%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.5%	Up from 83.8%	89.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,874	Up 4.1%	\$39,879	\$37,520

**SCHOOL FACTS**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.4%	N/A	65.5%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	5	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	90.8%	N/A	97.6%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	16.3%	Down from 31.3%	22.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	N/A	N/A	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	29.8%	Up from 21.8%	27.9%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	3.5%	Down from 5%	6.1%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

According to our mission statement, the function of Leaphart Elementary School is to "ensure that all students maximize potential to confront future challenges successfully." During the 2000-01 school year, we have made "Blue Ribbon" strides toward this goal.

A main focus of the year was the school-wide implementation of a character education program, "LEAP into Character." We spent the year Learning, Encouraging and Affirming Positive principles of character. Each month students and staff members were recognized for representing the traits of respect, responsibility, self-discipline, compassion, perseverance, honesty, cooperation, courage and loyalty.

The arts continued to be recognized as an important part of the Leaphart instructional program. As a first-time event, the fifth-grade chorus presented "Cinderella," accompanied by the Irmo High Master Orchestra. Students had artwork displayed at the State Fair, Koger Center, Columbiana Centre, Irmo Branch Library and the Columbia Airport. For the first time, a student Art Exhibit and Sale was part of the School Carnival. Also, each class had artwork printed on note cards that were sold at the Carnival.

Leaphart parents were actively involved in all aspects of the school. The PTO raised money to fund special science activities, assemblies and professional development for the staff. The SIC explored ways to keep students and property safe and was instrumental in securing a sound system for the theater.

Staff members participated in writing five grant proposals. At the present time, four have been funded and new opportunities will be available to Leaphart students as a result. Our teachers will be paired with pre-service teachers from Columbia College to explore incorporating the arts into the regular classroom curriculum thanks to a S. C. Dept. of Education Teacher Quality Grant. \$1500 was awarded to the school through two grants from the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties. Students will participate in the creation of a Steel Palmetto Tree and a cultural exchange will take place with students from Allendale County. The art teacher was chosen to attend a summer workshop on Digital Video in the Classroom. Newly gained skills will enhance the instructional program at the school.

At Leaphart, staff, parents and students are dedicated to excellence in academic achievement and challenging educational experiences. We invite you to visit our school, where "openness abounds and learning opportunities are optimized."

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	84.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.4	82.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	87.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 588 Students

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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